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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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Words From The Past

In these days of Government handouts it is refreshing to take a glance at the attitude of one of our early statesmen towards relieving even necessitous cases at the taxpayers' expense.

You have alluded to the unfavorable position of the settlers from the loss of their crops and other causes. I trust that their condition this season will not be so hard as you seem to anticipate.

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Vital Statistics

Although statistics must always be regarded with some caution they provide a useful indication of long term and current trends. The most recent Canadian vital statistics show a healthy natural increase both for the Dominion and this Province.

The natural increase for the first nine months, however, amounted to only 178,879 for Canada, which will not soon permit us to rival the population of the United States.

Diseases of the heart are still the great killers, 26,129, being more than double the number of deaths from the next cause, cancer, 12,158.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Market now good for potatoes when most farmers have disposed of their crops.

Subscriptions for the Manitoba Flood Relief Fund should now be paid into any of

the chartered banks. An acknowledgement will be received from the Fund headquarters at Winnipeg.

Mr. MacNaught is being kept busy answering questions in the House of Commons in the absence of Fisheries Minister Mayhew.

From henceforth it is to be the Anglican Church of Canada. In Scotland it is the Episcopal Church of Scotland, to differentiate it from the Established Church of Scotland Presbyterian.

Charlottetown and Summerside Kinsmen are vying for success in staging their carnivals. Summerside seems to have an advantage in a mayor who can "guess your weight."

Reuters News Agency carries a report that the 258-year-old feud between clans Campbell and Macdonald has been healed.

After the exposure of the Winnipeg Free Press, the Board of Transport Commissioners should hide their diminished heads, but more than likely they will proceed to blunder on as usual until they are relegated to the limbo of inadequacy.

Maxmillian of Mexico executed this date 1867. In 1862 French troops entered the capital and proclaimed an empire under Maxmillian of Austria.

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This from "Janus" of The Spectator. "The Dean of Canterbury, in pursuit of his less ecclesiastical activities, told a Canadian audience on Tuesday (according to the Daily Herald) that the Archbishop of Canterbury was 'illiterate about his own clergy and profoundly ignorant about what is going on in Russia.'"

This is the time of year when householders are tempted to make unnecessary use of their water supply. It is easier to run a hose all night than to water a lawn properly without undue waste.

The Poets Corner

THE SHUT-IN

He never saw the sea Or ever heard its sound, Yet he was sure he heard The music it unbound.

In sensing it, he knew The melody he heard Was freer than the wind, Sweeter than the bird.

Thus fortified, he sent His phantom ship ahead To visit every shore No matter where it led.

—By Lillian Everts in the New York Times.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.)

MACADAMIZED ROADS

Excerpts from the report of a joint committee of the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, appointed in 1867 to inquire into the best means of improving the highways of the Colony.

"The committee are of opinion that the principal thoroughfares leading through Charlottetown, and in other localities where much traffic concentrates, cannot be successfully dealt with except by macadamizing with hard stone; and one of the chief obstacles hitherto experienced seems to have been the scarcity of labour for the impossibility of procuring men to break stone, except at rates which would render its use too costly for general application."

"At a very early stage of their inquiries, the committee ascertained that a machine, styled 'Blake's Stone Breaker', has been invented, and is coming into general use in Britain, and elsewhere, which, driven by steam power equal to eight horses, breaks the hardest materials ever used for roads, at the rate of six tons per hour, and at a cost of three pence sterling per ton."

"Though the price of these machines is considerable, yet the committee do not hesitate to recommend the immediate purchase of one on wheels, calculated to operate on stones 20 inches by 9 in diameter; also, of a portable, eight horse power steam engine to work it. The price of a machine of this size is £225 sterling, and of an eight horse power portable steam engine, about £225 sterling."

"The committee believe that good, hard Nova Scotia stone may be procured at from two shillings to four shillings per ton. They have ascertained, by actual weighing and measuring, that a cubic yard of broken stone weighs a little more than a ton, consequently, one ton may be made to cover an area of about 180 square feet by three, and six inches deep; 1760 tons would be required to cover a mile in this manner, which, allowing five shillings per ton for stone broken and delivered in carts, would amount to nearly £450. The cost of conveyance to the spot required, spreading and superintending, would probably not exceed the amount at present expended annually, to so little purpose."

"The estimate is for a width of road sufficient for two vehicles to pass; a little more than half that width may suffice for the present want of many localities. The stone breaking machine, kept at constant work, would supply the material for making sixty yards of road per day. The work might proceed during several months, and it is possible, the stone breaking might continue during winter, except, perhaps, a few weeks of the coldest weather."

"The committee cannot, however, recommend that an experiment of this extent should be attempted, except under the management of a skilled superintendent, so as to ensure proper economy of labor and a judicious use of materials. It is therefore expedient, in their opinion, that a person, possessing the necessary qualifications be permanently engaged, and all future operations of the kind referred to should be conducted by him under the directions of the Board of Works."

"As, however, roads thus constructed may be expected to last, with occasional repairs, for half a century or more, the cost of them ought not to be borne entirely by the present generation. Their first cost may very properly be defrayed by contracting a loan for that purpose, with provision for repayment in twenty years. It is right to state that one of their number, Mr. Sinclair, is averse to borrowing for this purpose; but it is evident that there can be no economy in acquiring powerful machinery, and engaging a skilled superintendent, unless means are provided to keep them fully employed."

The committee comprised Hon. George Beer, Hon. Robert P. Haythorne, Hon. Peter Sinclair, L. C. Owen, and L. T. Jenkins.

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Voices Of Spring

J. QUIZMO KARSHAM, ESQ., UNABASHED INQUIRING PHOTOGRAPHER, SAYS "MOVING-PICTURE-WHAT'S IT TO YOU?" (LATEST MOVING PICTURE OF OUR HERO, RIGHT.)



ERNEST STRIVEMORE, Graduate: "I'm free, I joyously shout with a lump in my throat."

REV. O. K. LIVWRIGHT: "Most favorable season for launchings on the sea of matrimony."



MISS BOSSIE WIDEBOUND: "It's time to turn my production to ice cream again."

Children At The Cinema

(The Times, London) The Departmental Committee on Children and the Cinema has been sitting for more than two years. The report is a painstaking report which is more concerned to throw an even light over a large field than to compose a picture in contrasting blacks and whites or to throw a dogmatic emphasis on any of their detailed recommendations.

The purveyors of films come out of the inquiry with quite a good character. Most of them in their approach to children are judged to act with excellent motives, even though their understanding of the psychology of the question is no more profound than might be expected. Even so the report strikes a note of considerable uneasiness concerning the effect on child character of the mental diet that most films provide.

The evident disquiet of the committee is the greater because it cannot be fixed on any specific ill-consequence of the film-going habit. The view that the cinema has contributed directly to the recent increase in the numbers of children brought before the juvenile courts is examined and not accepted. This is also the consensus among magistrates and social workers who have most experience of the peccant child.

It is this rather than any direct teaching of violence or dishonesty by example that may undermine insidiously the character of the young. It is this that stultifies the well meant efforts of the industry itself, through its children's cinema clubs and matinees, to provide especially for children's needs. They can for the most part select for the clubs only films from among the general stock of commercial products, and in many of these crude or trivial standards prevail.

The committee would do away with the present classification of films into those passed for "universal" or "adult" exhibition, which in any case has failed through the impossibility of enforcing the rule that requires a child admitted to see a film in the "A" category to be accompanied by his parent or guardian. Instead, the report suggests an officially sponsored Central Committee on Children and the Cinema, which should classify films according to their positive merits for the entertainment of children. There would be an index expurgatorius of films no child should see, enlarging the present "horrific" category by adding other themes unfit for children, who would be excluded. There would be a class "C" of films positively suited for children's cinema exhibitions, and a class "U" suitable for family entertainment.

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Notes By The Way

Feet, says a chiropodist, accurately reveal weather conditions. They're especially effective in identifying the presence of mud, snow, ice, and water on the ground.—Windsor Star

We see that one of the provincial government's two tree-planting machines is in the Olds district. It is putting trees in the ground at the rate of a thousand an hour. No doubt they are small seedlings, but however small the planting-rate is astonishing.—Edmonton Journal.

Some of the English cars now so common in the province, have automatic signals. They raise an arm or flash a light or do both. But most of these signals are not recognized by law in our province, though they are in Ontario. The Victoria Automobile Club is gathering information with the idea of pressing for an amendment to the B. C. Motor Vehicles Act which would recognize these automatic signals.—Vancouver Province.

One of the most important traditional functions of the coroner's jury is to act as a sort of "grand jury" in matters of public safety, pointing out faults that need to be corrected before they cause further tragedies. It is unfortunate that this function is being curtailed through the growing practice of restricting inquests to criminal matters. Inquests into what might be called "non-criminal accidents" serve an extremely useful purpose.—Edmonton Journal.

British Columbia is visited each year by more motorists from every

every householder worth 300 marks of yearly rent, and every yeoman or burgess worth £300 stock, must have a Bible and Psalm Book under penalty of £10. A searcher was appointed to visit every householder to whom the act applied, and it appears from the records of the Privy Council that he was by no means idle.

The King's Printer was naturally the first man to be given the job of publishing the Authorized Version of the Bible; but there were a great number of unauthorized editions before that. The first printed Bible was issued by Gutenberg in 1466. Bible publishing in those days of religious persecution, was a very dangerous occupation. Saxton, for example, preferred to print only Bible stories; it was safer. William Tyndale who first translated the Bible into English published it on the Continent and smuggled copies into England. Miles Coverdale did the same, until Henry VIII quarrelled with the Church of Rome and allowed the Coverdale Bible into England officially, with a suitable dedication to himself.

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